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In re the Application of: **WATANABE, Kenichi**

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FOR: **SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER DEVICE HAVING SEPARATED CONDUCTIVE PATTERNS IN PERIPHERAL AREA AND ITS MANUFACTURING METHOD**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND SPECIES REQUIREMENT
DATED September 30, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: October 30, 2002

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated **September 30, 2002**.

In the Office Action, restriction is required between Group I (claims 1-9 and 21) and Group II (claims 10-20). Applicant hereby elects Group I (claims 1-9 and 21) for prosecution.

The Office Action also requires an election of species. Applicant elects the Species V depicted in Figs. 6A-6D. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9-11, 13-16, 20, and 21 read on this species. Claims 1 and 2 are generic.

The applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

It is noted that Figs. 5A-5D show the state of the art.

The applicant respectfully requests an early examination on the elected claims and favorable action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions with this Response, please feel free to call the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

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